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BY AUTHORITY.



DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.  
Official Notice has been received at this Department from His Majesty's Government to the following effect: That the Roman Provinces (the Pontifical States), by Royal Decree of October last, recognizing the Hawaiian Islands, which had been taken in those Provinces, had become an integral part of the Kingdom of Italy.

CHAS. C. HARRIS,  
Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Honolulu, Dec. 21, 1870.

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

It is known to all whom it may concern: That CAULDS K. MATTHEWS, Esq., of Ohio, through the medium of His Excellency HENRY A. PRATER, Minister Resident of the United States at this Court, having presented to this Department his Commission from the President of the United States of America, which is signed by him, the said CAULDS K. MATTHEWS, is hereby acknowledged by order of His Majesty the King, as Consul of the United States at Honolulu, and all his official acts as such, are ordered to receive full faith and credit by the authorities of His Majesty's Government.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the Foreign Office at Honolulu, this 26th day of Dec. A.D. 1870.

C. C. HARRIS,  
Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Honolulu, Nov. 29th, 1870.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH of the Government.

With this week commences a new year, the second of the decade of the seventies.

It comes in, laden with the legacies of the expired old year, of sorrowful remembrances to some, of joys in possession, or of hopes soon to be realized to others.

Some welcome it in the assured enjoyment of good fortune; to others it is a dreary way-mark of their endurance of disappointment and weary misfortune.

It is the habit of the heart, however, to be hopeful, and so we, in common with others, note the advent of the new year, and crown the opening hours with gladness—the emblem of that happiness which we all hope may be ours with its passing days and months.

The industrious worker and the schemingidler will usher in the year with resolutions of increased activity, and the purpose to improve opportunity.

To such, time is a commodity that has a value unregarded by the idle and the careless.

The Ancients figured Time as an old man, his head having a single tuft of long hair in front, but the back of it entirely bald. By this they signified that they would improve Time, and utilize opportunity, must seize the forelock as the old man came up, otherwise, once past, he could not be detained, as the back of the head gave no chance to catch him.

Gazing at the prospect before us, we may, perhaps, anticipate a more prosperous year than the last; an increase of our industrial activities, and an enlargement of business.

The opportunity is at hand when Honolulu may be made a way-point for a line of ocean steamers, to connect two populous countries by a permanent and frequent communication.

The service of the past eight months has established the fact that the Australian steamers can be kept up, and will prove a paying venture. So also the zeal displayed by those interested, the competition excited for possession of the route, and the willingness of the Governments to enter into contracts, demonstrate that the communication which has been so well begun, will, during this year, become firmly established, and be continued without danger of failure or interruption.

When this point has been settled, we shall feel more decidedly the benefits that will surely flow out of this steam-service. Business will gather about it, and flow in the new channel, accumulating force until its currents will become recognized as being most important to the welfare of our active community. Out of it, too, will grow the confidence necessary to provide for the accommodation of the traveling public—to house and provide for the tourist and traveler. A slightly and substantial hotel building, that in its turn will contribute to the enlargement of business, may be confidently reckoned upon, as the outgrowth of the necessities of this year.

The re-establishment of Inter-Island steam service contributes to the facilities of business, and tends to stimulate the small industries of the country. The soil condemned to be unused for lack of means to forward its products to market, promotes to a small degree, the comfort and welfare of its owner. The small land-holder needs frequent and quick communication for perishable articles to excite him to industry and thrift. This our domestic steamer provides herself competent to do, and she may therefore be counted upon as one of the elements of national thrift for the present year.

The year opens promisingly for the profitable sale of the products of our plantations. The markets, both at the East and South, show an upward tendency of prices, and a shortness of supply that must create an active demand. We doubt if ever the stock of sugars in hand in San Francisco on the 1st of January was so small as it is at the present

time. It amounts to no more than three million pounds, while last year it footed up more than twenty millions. The importations of 1870 show a reduction of twenty-eight million pounds from those of 1869. On the other hand, the supply in the Australian Colonies is short also—the misfortunes and short crops of Mauritius and the Isle of Bourbon having reduced the usual cargoes coming from that quarter. Prices already have advanced considerably, and sales of Hawaiian sugars are speedy of arrival. It needs but the impetus of good prices, and the steadiness of demand, to cause our Islands to be covered with waving fields of cane, as both capital and labor will flow where they may receive satisfactory compensation.

The prospect for the year, then, is fair for our community, and we may expect, with a continuation of industrious effort and thrift, that all classes of business will prosper and gain ground. The great catastrophe of war,—so destructive of individual as well as national wealth, so fruitful of personal misery and suffering,—is not upon us, as it is upon two great nations of Europe, nor need we fear that its baleful shadows will be cast upon our fair Islands.

The year will afford scope for the employment of all in the remunerative arts of peace, with the assurance that the rewards of honest toil await each one who engages in it, intelligently and with perseverance. We wish all our friends in their undertakings eminent success, and a very HAPPY NEW-YEAR.

We publish, in this issue, the full correspondence in relation to the subsidy placed at the disposal of the King's Cabinet and Privy Council, for the encouragement of steam communication between this Kingdom, New Zealand and the Australian Colonies. Want of space compels us to defer the publication of our comments thereon until next week.

HONOLULU, Oct. 24th, 1870.

To His Excellency, FRED. W. HUTCHISON, Minister of the Interior.

SIR,—Referring to our conversation of this morning, in which I fully explained to you the present position of the Australian Steamship question, and the perfect understanding that has been arrived at between the North Pacific Transportation Company and Wm. H. Webb, of New York, by which a line of powerful steamers will be put into operation between San Francisco and Australia as soon as the necessary details as to ports of call, coaling stations, etc., can be arranged, to effect which purpose, I am at present on my way to the Colonies.

I now have the honor to submit, in accordance with your Excellency's suggestion, one or two points on which it is requisite I should be informed prior to my departure, and without which my instructions will not permit me to make definite arrangements in the Colonies, to provide that Honolulu shall be a permanent port of call for the reception of passengers, cargo, mails and coal. In so important an undertaking, involving the expenditure of a large immediate outlay, it is of course essential to my principals that they should know upon what they have to depend before taking action. That being so, may I ask your Excellency to be pleased to say if it is understood that the good faith of your Government will be considered to be pledged to the paying of the subsidy recently voted by the Legislature, so soon as they shall put on a permanent line of steamers, which shall call and remain at Honolulu a sufficient length of time to take on board all the cargo that may be ready for shipment.

I am aware that under the terms of the law, your Excellency cannot definitely promise the subsidy for more than two years. For the reasons which I fully explained to you, it will be obvious that the subsidy from the various Governments concerned should all be granted for a similar period. As our contract with the Colonies will be for five years, it is, I very respectfully submit, a reasonable proposition that your Government should agree to propose and use their influence to carry a measure to extend the subsidy to \$25,000 per annum for a further period of three years. It is of course understood that you will be prepared to supply all the accommodation in respect to wharves, dues, lights, etc., which have hitherto been so liberally promised by your Government.

The frank and satisfactory verbal explanations which I had with your Excellency this morning, give me the assurance that His Majesty's Government will soon have to congratulate themselves upon the establishment, on a permanent basis, a line of first-class steamers such as have never been seen in this port, and which will speedily create a traffic which will be fruitful of important results to the future of these Islands. By the credentials which I presented to your Excellency, you will of course understand that I am acting in this matter in the interests of the North Pacific Transportation Co. and Wm. H. Webb, which are now consolidated.

I have the honor to be Your Excellency's Most obedient servant.

(Signed) Wm. M. Neilson.

OCTOBER 25th, 1870.

SIR,—In answer to your communication of October 24th, touching the Australian Steamship question, I have to say that the Minister of Finance, in whose Department the matter more immediately rests, is out of town at present, and the Attorney General is on the eve of departure, but I have consulted informally with His Majesty the King, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, and they concur with me, as I have no doubt will the Minister of Finance on his return, in saying that it is the intention of Government to pay to good faith the subsidy recently voted by the Legislature to a line of Steam Ships running hence to the New Zealand and Australian Colonies, which shall remain here sufficient time to take cargo which is ready for shipment, and which shall take the cargo at such rates as shall not render it impracticable for producers to avail themselves of that mode of transportation. You are not to understand that we propose to dictate the price of freight, but will pay the subsidy, if our people are able to avail themselves of the opportunity.

With regard to wharves and other facilities we see no reason why the same privileges should not be accorded as are now given to Mail Steam Ships arriving at this port.

Communications have already been addressed to the Minister of Finance by Mr. Hall who is the pioneer in this business, whose efforts the administration regard most favorably, and feel that he (Mr. H.) has strong claims upon it for consideration.

With regard to your second question, as you say, the law gives no authority beyond two years, and a further grant of the Legislature would depend upon the value of the service rendered to the material interests of the country. We do not doubt that if it should be made apparent that new markets are opened, and property increased by this means, the Legislature will be liberal in continuing grants and the Executive Government will certainly do its duty to urge such a course upon them.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant.

(Signed) F. W. HUTCHISON,  
Minister of Interior.

Wm. M. Neilson, Esq., Honolulu.

NEW ZEALAND, GENERAL GOVT OFFICES.

Auckland, November 22, 1870.

SIR,—I take the earliest opportunity of informing you that I have entered into an arrangement with Mr. Neilson, representing Messrs. Holladay, Backham & Co., and Mr. Webb, conjointly, for putting upon a permanent footing the service which has already been begun under Mr. H. H. Hall's auspices, between New Zealand and San Francisco.

As it was impossible for me to wait, in order to secure your co-operation in the matter, I was not in a position to make any terms with Mr. Neilson as to your Government contributing towards the subsidy; and I had no alternative but to allow it to remain an open question whether the vessels of his principals should call at Honolulu.

Let me at the same time assure you that the Government of New Zealand are anxious to maintain the direct communication with Hawaii which has been commenced, and which they do not doubt will lead to extensive commercial relations between the two countries.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

JULIUS VOGEL,  
Postmaster General of New Zealand.

The Hon. the Minister of the Interior, Hawaii.

HONOLULU, Dec. 26, 1870.

SIR,—I have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 22, informing me that you had made an agreement on the part of the Government of New Zealand, with Mr. Neilson, acting as agent of Mr. Webb of New York, and Messrs. Holladay, Backham & Co. of San Francisco, for a mail service between your Colony and New Zealand. No member of His Majesty's Cabinet has received any communication from Mr. Neilson up to this moment of writing, i. e. within one hour of the closing of the Wagon Wagon's mail, but you may rest assured that this Government is anxious that direct communication should be established between your Province, Australia and these Islands, and that it will give every encouragement possible to secure so desirable a result.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) FRED. W. HUTCHISON,  
Minister of Interior.

Hon. Julius Vogel, Postmaster General, New Zealand.

HONOLULU, Dec. 27, 1870.

To His Excellency, FRED. W. HUTCHISON, Minister of the Interior.

SIR,—Since I had the honor of addressing you two months since, I have visited New Zealand, where I have entered into a contract in behalf of the North Pacific Transportation Company, with the Postmaster General of that country, for a line of first class steam vessels between San Francisco, New Zealand and Australia.

Mr. Vogel, having shown me a letter which he addressed to you by this month's mail, I am aware that by this time you are in possession of his official notification of the existence of the contract referred to, and of the fact that it is therein provided that the question as to whether Honolulu shall be made a port of call or not be left to my determination. In order that you may be still further informed on the subject, I enclose you an official printed copy of the contract, and I would specially call your attention to clause 7.

I now have the honor, very respectfully, to inform you that I am now prepared to notify the Government of New Zealand, under the power vested in me by the clause aforesaid, that I name Honolulu, as the port of call in the Hawaiian Islands, provided that His Majesty's Government be ready to guarantee to Messrs. Backham & Co., the North Pacific Transportation Company's agents here, prior to my departure on Wednesday next, that they will pay to the said company the subsidy voted by the members of your Legislature, to whom it must be a subject of much congratulation that by means of the wise provision they have made, it is now within the power of the Government to secure so effective a line as that which the New Zealand contract provides for.

It would have afforded me much pleasure to have mentioned a longer time in which to decide this matter, but the contract makes it imperative that the first steamer shall leave San Francisco on the 15th of February next. That being so, you will see that the time has at last arrived when decisive action cannot be longer delayed.

You will observe that the stipulation provides the whole contract of excluding all non-contributing places from participating in advantages the expense of which they are not willing to share. It is with all respect that I feel constrained to say, that I am bound in honor and good faith to New Zealand to see that Honolulu is no exception to so wholesome a rule. It is only fair that I should add, that the vote of your Legislature is the best possible evidence that the Representatives of the people of the Hawaiian Islands desired no such exception in their favor.

I address the communication to you, believing that the subject is referred to you by your department. If I am mistaken on that point, would you kindly oblige me by referring to the proper quarter.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

(Signed) Wm. M. NEILSON.

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR.

Honolulu, Dec. 27, 1870.

SIR,—I am directed by the Minister of the Interior to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date enclosing printed copy of the contract made by Mr. Vogel, the Postmaster General of New Zealand, and yourself on the part of Mr. Webb, of New York, and Messrs. Holladay, Backham & Co. of San Francisco, and to say in reply that he has passed it to the Minister of Finance, whose decision upon the matter more properly belongs to his own, who will no doubt bring it up for the consideration of His Majesty as early as may be convenient.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) CHAS. T. GILLESPIE,  
Chief Clerk.

Wm. M. Neilson, Esq.

HONOLULU, Dec. 28th, 1870.

GENTLEMEN,—Referring to our conversation this morning on the subsidy for an Australian Steamer, I will state that the Government is ready to take immediate consideration contracts that may be proposed by the Agent of the N. P. T. Company, or of any responsible Company, whose steam service shall carry out the conditions specified in the Appropriation Bill, always bearing in mind the relations of Mr. Hall to the service, which he has instituted with great labor and risk to himself, and whom we desire to treat with consideration.

The wording of the subsidy item you are familiar with, as a copy of it has been sent to you from this Department.

Speaking for myself I anticipate that a speedy arrangement may be arrived at, as the establishment of a satisfactory line seems very likely to be made by the courtesy that are interested in the project.

I remain, yours truly,

(Signed) J. M. SMITH,  
Minister of Finance.

Messrs. Backham & Co., Agents N. P. T. Co., Honolulu.

## The Insect Pests.

From different parts of the islands we hear deplorable accounts of the destruction of growing crops from the ravages of insects, unknown in former years. The cater-borer on Kani, especially, attacking as it does our principal means of raising a revenue, first attracts our attention. From a gentleman who recently visited Kani, we learn that this insect is rapidly increasing on that island, and bids fair to become a most serious drawback to the prospects of the planters. In one instance, an apparently thirty stock of cane, some fourteen feet in length, when cut down was found to be perfectly hollow inside, and full of the insects and their larvae.

Cotton, it was thought at one time, was likely to become one of our most reliable and easiest as well as cheapest of productions. In the second year after the attention of the native farmers was directed to its culture, the cotton (in seed) brought to Honolulu for sale, amounted to from seventy-five thousand to eighty-thousand pounds. Since then, however, owing to the ravages of caterpillars, known in the Hawaiian language as *anaki, anaki, and poaka*, the production has greatly fallen off, and the receipts of last year did not exceed 20,000 pounds of seed cotton. Formerly the season for the appearance of the caterpillars was quite distinctly marked but now it appears that, owing to the distribution of the rains throughout the year, these pests are almost omnipresent. The cotton raised here, is of the sea-island or long-staple variety, the most valuable for commercial purposes. It is as remarkable for the length and firmness of its fibre as for its silky softness, and ranks fully equal to the best South Carolina sea-island. The best quality sells in England for about two shillings per pound, and is employed for spinning the finest yarns, and making laces as well as spool cotton. The climate and soil of these islands are peculiarly adapted to its growth, and it becomes perennial,—but here come the insect plagues. In the district of Kani, in one night, a plantation of thirty acres of thirty young plants was utterly destroyed, as if by the withering blast of a simoom, and the savings of years and the labor of months were swept away. Can no scientific man be found to prescribe a remedy for these insect pests?

While speaking of cotton—we notice the enterprising agriculturists of California have commenced its culture, for which some localities of that State appear to be well adapted. Last month, some specimens of "upland"—the only kind which succeeds in that State, grown in Merced county, were forwarded to Dr. J. M. Nagle, of New Orleans, for scientific analysis. He reports that the staple is long and fine, remarkable for its strength and silky softness. The specimens were from Alabama seed, and the change of climate, it was considered, had tended to render the staple of the "upland" stronger, finer and softer, without alteration in other respects. California, among her myriad other resources, may yet become a large cotton producing country.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

SUPREME COURT of the Hawaiian Islands.

In Probate, in the matter of the Estate of Her late Royal Highness VICTORIA K. KAIAUMAKU, before

On reading and filing the petition of John O. Demaria, Administrator of the Estate of Her late Royal Highness that her last will and testament be admitted to probate, and that she may be declared to be the said testatrix.

It is ordered by the Court, that SATURDAY, the seventh day of January, A. D. 1871, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, be and shall be a day for hearing the said petition, and for the admission of the said will to probate, and for the appointment of an executor or administrators, if any there be, who shall be sworn to and qualified.

L. MCLELLY,  
Clerk of the Supreme Court.

Dated Honolulu, Dec. 16th, 1870.

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